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SUBJECT: CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE

REF: OTTAWA 3881 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN VIEW CANADIAN POSTAL STRIKE, TREASURY, SSA AND STATE
REPS DISCUSSED PLAN FOR DELIVERY OF U.S. FEDERAL BENEFIT
CHECKS IN CANADA. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION
MENTIONED REFTEL 3881 OF SENDING CHECKS TO APPROPRIATE
POINTS IN U.S. NEAR CANADIAN BORDER MOST FEASIBLE METHOD.

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CHECKS WOULD THEN BE DISTRIBUTED INDIVIDUALLY BY POSTS

AFTER PROPER IDENTIFICATION IS PRESENTED BY PAYEE AND PAYEE
SIGNS DOCUMENT (CHECK LISTING) ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT
OF THE CHECK.

2. THE PLAN HAS MANY ADVANTAGES BUT WOULD HAVE GREAT IMPACT
ON POST'S WORKLOAD. WE CANNOT GIVE EXACT NUMBER OF CHECKS
EACH POST WOULD HANDLE. BUT THE ESTIMATED PERCENTAGE
VOLUME BY PROVINCE OF THE 49,000 MONTHLY CHECK TOTAL IS
LISTED BELOW: ALBERTA-3, BRITISH COLUMBIA-11, MANITOBA-
2, NEW BRUNSWICK-8, NEW FOUNDLAND-1, NORTHWEST TERRITORY-
0, NOVA SCOTIA-8, ONTARIO-37, PEI-1, QUEBEC-27,
SASKATCHEWAN-1, YUKON-0.

3. TREASURY NO LONGER RELEASING CHECKS IN OPEN MAIL DUE TO
STRIKE. THEREFORE, CHECK DELIVERY WILL BE DELAYED BY
SEVERAL DAYS.

4. APPRECIATE EACH POST ARRANGING FOR SUCH LOCAL
PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE TO ADVISE FEDERAL BENEFICIARIES
THAT CHECKS WILL BE DELAYED AND TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO PICK UP CHECKS AT THEIR OFFICES. KISSINGER

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